

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:21

ANSWERED ON:01.12.2015

Communal Violence

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of communal incidents reported in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of communal incidents reported since 2014, month-wise, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has sought any detailed report on the causes of such communal incidents from the respective State Governments and UT Administrations and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of advisories issued to check such incidents and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*21 FOR 01.12.2015

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Home Affairs is aware that in the year 2014, 644 communal incidents and in the year 2015 (up to Oct' 2015) 650 communal incidents have been reported. State/UT-wise details are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Detailed reports are invariably taken from the respective State/Union Territory administration for all major and important incidents, so that suitable advisories/information could be shared with all States of the country, with the objective of immediate sensitization. "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India. The responsibilities of maintaining law and order, registration and prosecution of crimes rest primarily with the respective State Governments. To maintain communal harmony in the country, the Central Government assists the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations in a variety of ways like sharing of intelligence, sending alert messages, sending advisories, sending Central Armed Police Forces, including the composite Rapid Action Force created specially to deal with communal situations, to the concerned State Governments on specific requests and in the modernization of the State Police Forces.

The advisories issued by Ministry of Home Affairs have a positive impact in immediate sensitization of the State Governments, and providing suitable intelligence to check and deal with the communal situation. The details of the reports sought from the respective State Governments are at Annexure-II.
